

Greater Manchester Police
Central Park
Northampton Road
Manchester

CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 53A(1)(b) OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

I hereby certify that in my opinion the premises described below are associated with ~~serious crime / serious disorder~~ / both serious crime and serious disorder¹.

Premises²:

The Levenshulme
959 Stockport Road
Manchester
M19 3NP

Premises licence number (if known): 48599

Name of premises supervisor (if known): Bianca Henderson

I am a Superintendent ³ in the Greater Manchester police force.

I am giving this certificate because I am of the opinion that other procedures under the Licensing Act are inappropriate in this case, because⁴:

The standard review of the premises licence under section 51 Licensing Act 2003 is inappropriate due to length of time a standard review would take, there are serious concerns as to the extreme violence which has occurred at the premises and the actions of the security staff.

Greater Manchester Police (GMP) will say that the premises are associated with Serious Disorder and Serious Crime. Therefore due to the Serious Disorder and Serious Crime which has taken place at the premises GMP feel that it is

¹ Delete as applicable.

² Include business name and address and any other relevant identifying details.

³ Insert rank of officer giving the certificate, which must be superintendent or above.

⁴ Give a brief description of why other procedures such as a standard review process are thought to be inappropriate, e.g. the degree of seriousness of the crime and/or disorder, the past history of compliance in relation to the premises concerned.

necessary for an expedited review to take place.

The premises are situated on Stockport Road in the Levenshulme area of Manchester and the premises licence was issued on 17th August 2005. The Premises Licence Holder (PLH) is The Craft Union Pub Company Ltd and the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS) is Bianca Henderson who has held this position since August 2022.

The incident which has triggered this Summary Review is as follows:

On Saturday 3rd December 2022 at 01.51 the police receive a 999 call from the DPS from the Levenshulme pub stating that someone had been stabbed.

On police arrival a male victim was seen by police and had a wound to the abdomen, he was present with his partner. They stated that they had been assaulted by the door staff.

On reviewing the CCTV it transpires that the victim begins a verbal argument with a presently unknown male. This escalates and the victim throws a drink at the male before punching him to the face a number of times.

As the footage continues 2 door staff can be seen in the door way of the premises and don't do anything to de-escalate the fighting that is taking place in front of them involving customer from the premises.

The altercation continues and the 2 door staff then walk over to a car that is parked nearby. Another male, who is the partner of the male with the stab wound has been filming the door staff on his mobile phone and as the door staff reach their car one of them suddenly runs toward the male with the phone and delivers a flying kick to his head before punching him numerous times.

A male wearing a tan coloured jacket and a cap, who has been identified as the [REDACTED] from the premises, is then seen to get an object from the back of his trouser waistband. He approaches the fight and is seen to make a stabbing motion towards the victim's abdomen area. The fight continues and the victim doesn't appear to have noticed he has been injured. The male with the knife follows the fight but does not get involved any further, he then appears to then be cleaning the object on the bottom of jacket before placing it back in his waistband.

The male with the knife loiters in the area and assists the victim to collect his belongings off the floor. As the male with the knife bends over to pick up the items there is clearly an object sticking up from his waistband under the back of his jacket. This wasn't obvious previously on the CCTV so confirms that something has been rearranged in his waistband.

The door staff have by now got into their vehicle and driven away having done nothing except assault the male with the mobile phone.

The male with the knife has been identified and has subsequently been arrested for a Section 18 Wounding.

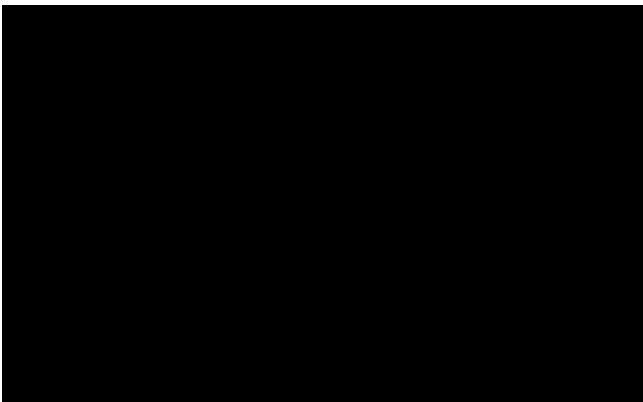
As a result of this violent incident several crimes have been submitted, including assault crimes and Violent Disorder.

What makes this incident all the more concerning is that the male with the knife, who is a regular at the premises and [REDACTED] was clearly in possession of the knife whilst he was inside the premises. Further to this, the door staff who are employed to deter and prevent incidents of this kind do nothing to stop the fighting and actually violently assault a male who is filming them on his phone.

The powers contained under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 are necessary and proportionate in light of the association that the premises has to Serious Crime and Serious Disorder.

In the interim Greater Manchester Police would request that the Licensing Authority consider suspension of the Premises Licence until the full review is heard before the committee. Serious Crime and Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises and until the Licensing Committee hear the full review and all the evidence that will be disclosed, to allow the premises to continue to operate as a licensed premises gives concerns that further violence will occur at the premises and the licensing objectives will be further undermined. Greater Manchester Police will say that the licensing objectives of the Prevention of Crime and Disorder and Public Safety can only be promoted if the premises licence was suspended until the final determination of the summary review application.

The standard review of the premises licence under section 51 Licensing Act 2003 is inappropriate due to length of time a standard review would take. There are serious concerns as to the serious level of violence that has occurred. Greater Manchester Police believe that Serious Crime and Serious Disorder has occurred at the premises.



5/12/22.
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(Date)

FORM FOR APPLYING FOR A SUMMARY LICENCE REVIEW

[Insert name and address of relevant licensing authority and its reference number (optional)]

Manchester City Council

Application for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003 (premises associated with serious crime or disorder)

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Before completing this form please read the guidance notes at the end of the form. If you are completing the form by hand please write legibly in block capitals. In all cases ensure that your answers are inside the boxes and written in black ink. **Use additional sheets if necessary.**

I [redacted] [on behalf of] the chief officer of police for the Greater Manchester police area apply for the review of a premises licence under section 53A of the Licensing Act 2003.

1. Premises details:

Postal address of premises, or if none or not known, ordnance survey map reference or description:

**The Levenshulme
959 Stockport Road**

Post town: Manchester

Post code (if known): **M19 3NP**

2. Premises licence details:

Name of premises licence holder (if known): The Craft Union Pub Company Ltd

Number of premises licence holder (if known): 09429990

3. Certificate under section 53A(1)(b) of the Licensing Act 2003 [Please read guidance note 1]:

I confirm that a certificate has been given by a senior member of the police force for the police area above that in his opinion the above premises are associated with serious crime or disorder or both, and the certificate accompanies this application.

(Please tick the box to confirm) ☒

4. Details of association of the above premises with serious crime, serious disorder or both:

[Please read guidance note 2]

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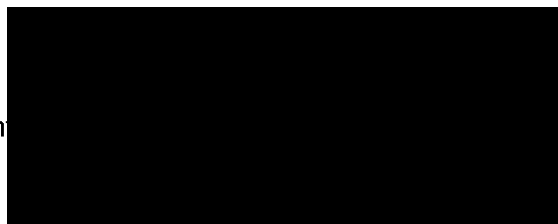
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Signature of applicant

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Date: 5/12/22

Capacity: Licensing Constable

Contact details for matters concerning this application:

Address:

**Manchester Town Hall Extension
Lloyd Street
Manchester
M2 5DB**

Telephone number(s):

Notes for guidance:

1. A certificate of the kind mentioned in the form must accompany the application in order for it to be valid under the terms of the Licensing Act 2003. The certificate must explicitly state the senior officer's opinion that the premises in question are associated with serious crime, serious disorder or both.

Serious crime is defined by reference to section 81 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. In summary, it means:

- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences for which a person who has attained the age of eighteen and has no previous convictions could reasonably be expected to be sentenced to imprisonment for a term of three years or more; or
- conduct that amounts to one or more criminal offences and involves the use of violence, results in substantial financial gain or is conduct by a large number of persons in pursuit of a common purpose.

Serious disorder is not defined in legislation, and so bears its ordinary English meaning.

2. Briefly describe the circumstances giving rise to the opinion that the above premises are associated with serious crime, serious disorder, or both.